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## BRIEFS

### U.S. TRAILS CANADA, WESTERN EUROPE IN RESPONDING TO POVERTY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Poverty and inequality increased in most Western democracies and the study shows that the U.S., despite its greater economic growth during the period, was far less successful than Canada and six European democracies at enabling its citizens to escape poverty.

The poverty rate among working-age Americans (15.1%) was at least twice as high as in the Netherlands, West Germany, and Sweden. Canada, Great Britain, and France also fared significantly higher than the U.S., registering poverty rates 4.2, 5.6, and 6.2 percentage points lower, respectively.

### USDA, ALABAMA A&M AGREEMENT WILL EXPAND FORESTRY PROGRAMS

ALABAMA—Alabama A&M University and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture signed an agreement extending USDA's Forest Service to provide up to \$1 million annually in scholarships, internships and technical training for the university's forestry majors.

Alabama A&M is one of the 17 historically black, 1822 land-grant colleges and universities. The agreement supports USDA's goal of attracting more minority students to the fields of agriculture and forestry, and to employment opportunities with USDA's Forest Service and other agencies.

### GOV. FLORIO SIGNS MEASURE TO HELP FIGHT BREAST CANCER

TRIDENT—Gov. Jim Florio signed into law a measure that requires health insurers to cover the costs of a mammogram. Mammograms are examinations made before they are detectable to the touch or the naked eye. The legislation (A-8035-2189) was sponsored by Assembly members Stephanie Bush and James McGrawley, and Sen. Henry McManama.

## Robinson urges community to take charge of its future

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK — Last Saturday night, Randall Robinson pointed out that blacks need to develop a plan to obtain economic power from within the community as a part of today's movement for political, social, and racial equality.

Robinson, who is the executive director of TransAfrica, served as the keynote speaker during a banquet winding down this year's Black Issues Convention.

He commended the efforts of BIC Chairman Donald Tucker who is also Newark's Municipal

Council President, as well as Tenth Congressional District Representative, Congressman Donald Payne, for fighting for their beliefs in a time where the black community is so "put upon and troubled."

But, Robinson said, for all their work, there are several other leaders in the country who must do their share as well.

"We have Democrats out there now who think Republican," he said. "The Democratic Party had forgotten about the down-trodden and others."

He pointed out that while this is taking place, President George

Bush enjoys a 70 percent popularity rate and is "well on his way to compiling one of the worst economic records in history."

Citing significant drops in employment in a large number of blue collar jobs, Robinson said that these problems must be addressed and solved before the United States can police the rest of the world.

"This is not about Iraq and Kuwait," he said, "the issue is about Newark and Washington, DC. We must demonstrate power in this country."

"But, the President has been allowed to redefine his job as 'President of the United States to President of the world,'" Robinson said. "We have to rally behind a leader who knows his mission."

Addressing a crowd of close to 200, Robinson said, "Something terrible has happened in this country in the last 50 years."

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Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, spoke during the Saturday night banquet. Photo by Glen Johnson



BIC Chairman Donald Tucker (l) welcomes U.S. Senator Bill Bradley (c) and Cystle Moore of Anheuser-Busch. Photo by Glen Johnson

## Political leaders challenged to take stand on police brutality during BIC

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK — Several community leaders as well as the families of victims of police brutality gathered during last week's Black Issues Conference to address this phenomenon throughout the state and nation as well as call political leaders and community members to fight for its end.

Attorney Raymond Brown, Esq., Rev. Al Sharpton, Larry Hamm, Kaleem Shabazz, Shaheed Watson, as well as Sharon and Carlton Mayse and Venus Hannah took part in a "comprehensive real deal about police brutality, against blacks and other minorities," as stated by moderator, Richard Taylor, head of the South Second Street Youth Center in Plainfield.

"How do we stop police brutality?" Taylor asked as he introduced the discussion.

Brown, who was the first speaker, said that first, everyone has "an obligation" to be honest and candid with each other about the issue.

He said the question of police brutality is part of a bigger problem — "The use of the criminal justice system and the law enforcement community working to deteriorate our community which will lead to our destruction," Brown said.

He said the community as a whole as well as the leadership has "defaulted and failed to stand up."

Brown, who's firm is handling the Phillip Pannell case in which a black youth was shot and killed by a white police officer, said they will be filing a civil rights action against the Teaneck police, which by press time will have been filed.

Shabazz, who is the Atlantic County director of the National Council of Christians and Jews,



Attorney Raymond Brown (l) and Rev. Al Sharpton participated in a seminar on police brutality.

agreed that the truth is the beginning of resolving the problem.

"If we're going to deal with the problem I suggest we deal with the root causes — tell the absolute, unvarnished truth and face some uncomfortable realities," he said.

"A lot of us have made progress but for a lot of others, progress hasn't been made,"

Shabazz said. He pointed out that blacks and other minorities are being constantly mistreated as a group even though some of the most influential leaders in the state are black and of other minority groups.

"If there had been the same allegations of brutality against any other race except Hispanics (Continued on page 2)

## No vote yet on possible charter changes

by Denise M. Germann

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield City Council requested, last Monday evening at a special agenda firing session, that the city's charter evaluation committee collaborate with the city clerk's office to draft tentative charter changes for a Council vote next month.

Six recommendations that were addressed in the committee's June 1990 report were discussed by the Council. The first and most talked about recommendation was the

creation of a full-time mayor position. Council President Elizabeth Urquhart agreed with that issue saying that demographics in the city had changed over time and a full-time mayor was needed to lobby for the City's interests in Trenton as well as promoting the City to business leaders for future investments in Plainfield.

Councilman Jon Bramnick also agreed that a full-time mayor had its advantages, but serious consideration should be given to the salary for the position, saying that the present salary of \$10,000 is an (Continued on page 8)

## Franklin officer found guilty in beating

SOMERVILLE — Police officer Armando Garcia, 24, was found guilty of misconduct last week after the jury handed down their verdict for the trial centering around the alleged beating of Kendall Park resident Kevin Chambers.

Lieutenant Clark Sheddin, who was also up on charges of misconduct for allegedly hiding evidence, was acquitted.

It reportedly took the jury 19 hours to make their decision although they report that there was never a doubt about Sheddin's innocence.

Garcia, who has been on the Franklin Township police force for three years could face up to 10 years in prison but attorneys believe he will probably receive a seven-year sentence where he

would have to serve from 20 months to two years before he could be up for parole.

For Chambers, 27, it was a bitter-sweet victory, as Garcia was the only officer participating in the beating who was tried and convicted. He said he would like to have the others, which number about 10 in total, also brought to justice even though he cannot identify any of his attackers.

The incident leading to the recent trial took place on May 23, 1990 when Chambers reported being beaten after he was stopped on Route 27 while driving on his way to a meeting. He has suffered a fractured eye socket, nine broken teeth and several bruises from the attack.

Chambers maintains that the incident was racially motivated

and said he wants to see other officers arrested and convicted. He has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the Franklin Police Department.

Agreeing with the victim, Somerset County Prosecutor Nicholas L. Bissell Jr. said there is a "good possibility" that there will be further indictments issued in the case.

He said that investigators will be pressing Garcia to help uncover the names of the other beating participants while offering him a lighter sentence for his cooperation.

Bissell has also stated that he will be working closely with John Blazakis, the Franklin chief of police, in order to "straighten out" that police department.

## Passaic County Community College has new president

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON — "I want to make this the best community college in urban America," declared Elliot Collins, the new president of Passaic County Community College, as he begins his first year at the helm of the institution which is located in downtown Paterson, with centers in Clifton, Pompton Lakes, Wayne, and New Milford.

Collins' official appointment to the presidency of PCCC is the college's fourth with the first African American to lead the twenty-three-year-old college. With the 1991 fall enrollment at 1700, up from 3200 a year ago, his selection apparently is a reflection of the increased enrollment and a need for proven administrative ability in leading the 2-year public college.

Recently the new president spoke of his vision to a visitor as they sat in an attractively furnished office, with items on the presidential desk meticulously in place. Asked to elaborate on his vision, Collins quickly replied: "I want to make this the best community col-

lege in urban America. I want to make it best in terms of its academic excellence — have sound

programs both at the college and basic skills levels — and also English as a second language level. I (Continued on page 2)



(l-r) Students: Anthony M. Sangster; Regina Bates; William Lightner, Student Body President; PCCC President Elliot Collins; Lynne Jenkins.

# CITY PEOPLE

## First Lady of Nigeria set to visit Harlem

HARLEM, NY — Her Excellency Mrs. Maryam Ibrahim Babangida, First Lady of Nigeria, is scheduled to visit Harlem USA on Friday, October 4. Elder Stateswoman, Queen Mother Moore, the First Lady of New York City, Mrs. Joyce Dinkins, the First Lady of Harlem, Mrs. Alma Rangel, and the Deputy Mayor Of Harlem, Dr. Delois Blakeley, will receive and welcome Mrs. Babangida to the bastion of African culture in North America.

Since her husband, General Ibrahim Babangida, President of Nigeria came into power in 1985, Mrs. Babangida has served as First Lady of the most populous and wealthy nation on the continent. The vibrant First Lady is recognized internationally as one

of the most effective organizers and political forces in her country, committed to improving the lives of rural women. "The essence of my creed," she said "is derived from a faith that the rural woman is a vital human resource. She must therefore be both the subject and object of our national development."

A visionary with a mission, in 1987 Mrs. Babangida launched her brainchild, the Better Life Program (BLP) for rural women. One of the primary objectives of the program, which has chapters in each of Nigeria's states and in every local government, is to stimulate and motivate women in rural areas towards achieving a better and higher standard of life, as well as to educate the general populace to the daily hardship

these women face.

Transforming a role that has traditionally been honorary and ceremonial into a vigorous campaign for the aspirations of the disenfranchised, Mrs. Babangida was awarded the "African Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End to Hunger." Professor Wangari Maathai, the renowned Environmentalist and Founder of the Green Belt Movement in Kenya also shared in the honor.

Mrs. Babangida recognizes the long standing role Queen Mother Moore has played in the African Liberation Struggle for more than seventy years. The First Lady Of Nigeria sees her visit to the Honorable Elder Stateswoman and to Harlem as one of the most meaningful highlights of her US visit.

## Leaders challenged

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and black, this state would be in an uproar," he said.

"There's been a license to abuse black people since we've been here," he said. "But the problem isn't really police brutality. We are misunderstood, mistreated, and our own humanity is not respected."

Sharpton, coming back to the issue of minority leaders in the state, charged them to use their offices to instigate changes in law enforcement instead of turning their backs to the issues at hand.

Sharpton stated that the incidents of police brutality have reached near "epic proportions" and that something has to be done about all the "accidents" taking place where black and minority youths are being killed by white police officers.

"All of these people can't be suffering hallucinations," he said. "Either the police are out of control or the whole black race is suffering from delusions. All over New Jersey, I don't think black people have lost their minds."



Dr. Leonard Jeffries explained the curriculum of inclusion.

He charged the "white media" with slanting the news and criticized the political leaders who he called "black apologists."

"Devote your energy to solving the problem," he said, "that's why you were elected in the first place. I challenge black elected officials to get on your job. You're not elected because you're popular, our parents died so you could have your jobs and the civil rights movement was not a personal agency to hire some ingrates. It was for all black people."

Amongst cheers and applause, Sharpton continued.

"Out of the blood of Martin Luther King you caned it, but you may, freeloader, and senator, so don't get us for marching when it was marching that got your black butt into office in the first place," he said.

"It's a shame with all the black officials in the state that a football player can talk louder about racism than our officials," he said citing New York Giants Lawrence Taylor's recent remarks about racism in a national magazine.

"We need to raise the issue

above politics. We need a special prosecutor — he's not elected and can operate arbitrarily based on the law," Sharpton said.

He said the objective is to have the law carried out fairly and justly.

"If a kid is wrong he should not be executed but should be allowed to stand trial like every other American," he said. "We've seen the Mafia arrested in New Jersey and a gun never slips on them. Why do the accidents only happen when they have our child in their hands?"

"We must not allow our lives to be cheapened because on the highway they don't know the difference between a black elected official of an unemployed person," Sharpton said. "Your title won't mean anything unless it changes the tide in which you live. Don't just achieve a position but use it — do something with it to stop the killing of your children."

Family members of youths who have been victimized by po-



John Jacobs, president of the National Urban League. Photo by Glen Francis



Rev. Calvin Butts led Prayer Breakfast

Lawrence Hamm addressed ways to combat police brutality and other biased crimes. He echoed Sharpton's call for a special prosecutor to investigate these types of incidents and asked for a civilian review board to "review and revive the rules of force by police."

He also said that a legal action fund needs to be created that everyone should contribute to and encourage acceptance of the Police Accountability Act that will support the families and victims of brutality because "they feel like they are standing alone."

Hamm pointed out the importance of the community coming together as a whole and establishing a unified position because there are too many groups coming from too many different directions.

"We're tired of forums, marches, and writing letters, I want change," she said. "It's time for us to do something, this is the 90s."

She stated that it is up to every member of the community to stand up for what is right and challenge their governmental leaders on a continual basis.

"The government will pay more for institutions to house them (black youth) instead of paying \$13.95 for a book for them to read," Mrs. Hannah said.

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## PCCC president

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will truly outstanding programs and an outstanding faculty and staff.

Reportedly the college's nursing program is widely recognized. "A top-rated department that's competitive with nursing departments at both Rutgers and Seton Hall Universities," Collins enthusiastically claimed.

He is not unfamiliar with the governance of PCCC. Up to June he was appointed interim president for a year and immediately before that served as vice president/dean of the college.

Collins began his career at PCCC as Dean of Student and Cultural Affairs twelve years ago. Prior to coming to Passaic County Community College he served in high level posts at Upsala College in Orange, lecturer in the political science departments of both Upsala College and Drew University in Madison, and he remains active as a Professor of Political Science at Passaic County Community College.

President Collins received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Delaware, Newark, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from New York University. He was also awarded a Master of Arts in Political Science from Drew University and is presently in the doctoral program for American Civilization at New York University. He is a recipient of the Presidential Medal for Outstanding Service and also the Black Employees Association Award for Outstanding Service from PCCC and the Greater Passaic Opportunities Industrialization Center Award, including many other civic tributes and recognitions.

Collins, 48, is married to Milburn, where he lives with his wife and daughter.

## Coping

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

## "The black family": A misnomer

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column about the black family. I asked you to tell me if your family had been good for you or bad for you. I received many replies and have made some interesting discoveries about the black family.

When most people think of a "family" they think of a father (who supports his family with a respectable job), a mother (who works or stays at home and raises the kids), two children (who work or attend school), and grandparents (who are retired and enjoy playing with the grandchildren).

If this is your idea of the black family, you have lost touch with society, or you have been watching too many episodes of "The Cosby Show." Actually, there is no television show that accurately depicts the black family. Here is a typical comment from a reader:

"My family ruined my life. My father is disgraced. He abused me. My mother was much better because she had relationships with as many men as she could. My father didn't know, or didn't seem to care. How could he? He had to take any disgusting, low-paying job that he could get. He didn't have time to think any 'family.' He spent 90 percent of his time trying to deal with his frustration. He didn't feel like a man. He was killing himself for the family. So he said 'F--- the family. He stopped working ugly jobs. He started drinking and using drugs. My sisters and brothers are all in jail. My mother, where is she? No family. All that I want

to do is forget my disgusting life. I use drugs whenever I can. I would rather live in Russia. It couldn't be any worse than in this country."

Few readers who wrote to me had a mother and father while they were growing up. Their "families" broke apart early in their lives and they don't actually

have a good idea of what the typical American family is. They grew up in an environment of great racial inequality, poverty or near-poverty, physical or sexual abuse, psychological torment, social violence and family disrespect.

They were tormented by the contradictions of American society which speak about fairness and democracy but practice racial unfairness and sponsor a police state in most neighborhoods. The amazing thing is that black Americans are no longer deceived by the illusion of American fairness that is regularly projected in the media. Their horrendous childhood experiences shocked them into reality. They tend to be aware that they are trapped into a system of permanent poverty and long-term psychological trauma caused essentially by their skin color.

This reality has resulted in an increased suicide rate — caused by frustration, a new ethics designed to beat the system, a lack of traditional respect for others — who are often viewed as targets, a more open, explosive-filled denunciation of the presumed cause of the eternal black predicament — white people.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

CHAMFORD — The Women in Transition group will meet on Wednesday evenings from Oct. to December 1991 at the Mental Health Association office, 15 Alden St. For more info, call 908-272-0300.

WOODBRIDGE — The American Artists Professional League, NJ chapter will hold an open state exhibit at the Exhibition at the Burner Arts Center, 582 Highway Ave. from October 11 from 2-4 p.m. Music will be provided by the Richard Pratt Duo. For more info, call 908-634-0113.

NEWARK — The Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society will discuss "A Rage in Harlem" by Black mystery writer, Chester Himes at 7 p.m. at the Newark Library, 5 Washington St. For more info, call 201-733-7793.

NEWARK — United Hospitals Medical Center, 15 South 9th St. will provide a "New Evening Clinic for Adults." Clinic hours are 4-7 p.m. on M/W/Thurs. A clinic will also be held at the New Community Health Center, St. Joseph's Plaza, 233 W. Market St. on Tuesdays from 4-7 p.m. For more info, call 201-268-8110 or 623-2480.

WAYNE — "The Dog Series Continued," a series of papers by Teneck artist Howard Bernstein, will be exhibited in the South Gallery of the Ben Shahn Art Center, 300 Market St. on Tuesdays from 4-7 p.m. For more info, call 201-595-2654.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City State College Women's Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hudson County is offering a free workshop, "How to Get into College or Graduate Education" at 12:00 p.m. and "How Food Affects You, Part 1" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Rutgers Women's Center, 32 College St. For more info, call 201-547-3189.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

WESTFIELD — "Women as Survivors: A Male Therapist's Perspective," presented by Michael A. Kugman, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., a clinical social worker at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church Guild Room. For more info, call 908-241-6399.

NEWARK — The environmental video, "Runless Pollution," a 9 minute video to educate the public about toxic materials will premiere at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. For more info, call 201-733-7793.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City State College Women's Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hudson County is offering a free workshop, "Co-dependency" from 7-9 p.m. at Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 15 Brinkhoff St. For more info, call 201-547-3189.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

WEST LOMBARD BRANCH — "The African American Diaspora" lecture by Rutgers University history professor, Dr. Clement Price will be held at Monmouth College's Young Auditorium in Bay Head. Free admission. For more info, call 908-571-7516.

EAST ORANGE — East Orange General Hospital's Family Health Center is offering area residents free prostate cancer screenings for men age 40 or over. Men interested in being tested must call to schedule an appointment by calling 201-674-3500.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

PLAINFIELD — A Flat Market, sponsored by United Presbyterian Youth Group, 525 E. Front St. from 9-3 p.m. Rain or shine. Baked goods, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks will also be sold.

SOMERSET — The ARC/NJ Annual Convention will be held at the Somerset Convention Center. For more information contact the Somerset County Chapter of ARC/NJ.

CHEERY HILL — The 10th Annual Exotic Bird Show will be held by the South Jersey Bird Club, Inc. at the Garden State Park Race Track. The hours of the show are from 9:30-5:00 p.m. Admission: \$3/adults; \$1/children. For more info, call 639-895-0995.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City State College is offering a non-credit course titled the Saturday Semester Program entitled "Introduction to Word Processing Using the Macintosh from 9-11 a.m. at JCSC campus, 209 Kennedy Blvd. For more information and registration, call 201-200-3089.

NEWARK — Lillian Jimenez, Media Consultant, will examine the stereotypes of Latinos in Hollywood feature films in a program entitled "Hoodlums and Sordids: Decoding the Latino Image" in the auditorium of the Newark Library, 5 Washington St. at 2 p.m. Free admission. For more info, call 201-733-7772.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education will conduct its Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the PHS Conf. Rm.

FANWOOD — LPS Consulting Co. will offer a Computer Software Series at their Union County offices at 113 South Main thru Oct. 11 and Oct. 21-25. For more info, call Pat Sigmon at 908-889-6300.

WESTFIELD — A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives meets on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 in the parish center of St. Hubert's Church on Lamberts Mill Road. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at 908-233-8757.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education will conduct its Board of Education meeting in the PHS Conf. Rm. at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. the Finance Committee meeting.

WATCHUNG — "Harvest Festival Cooking" a six week series presented by Susan Tucker at the Watchung Arts Center, 161 Sterling Rd. For more info, call 908-753-0190.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

PLAINFIELD — The City of Plainfield's Action Services Community Action Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first floor of the City Hall Annex, 510 Watchung Ave. The public is invited.

EDISON — A free support for individuals caring for an elderly family member or friend will hold its next meeting from 6:30-8 p.m. at the JFF/Hudson County Center. For more info, call 908-548-9770.

WESTFIELD — Merrill Lynch will offer a free seminar "Retirement Future College Expenses" at their offices on 195 Elm St. at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-789-4335.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The NJ State Bar Association will be offering free law-related seminars for the public. The "Anti-Smoking Action Conference" will be held at the NJ Law Center, One Constitution Square, from 5:30-8 p.m. For more info, call 908-249-5000, ext. 208 or 209.





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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Hey leaders, what's next?

Well, summer's over and so are many of the organizational meetings that serve as opportunities for groups to get together, discuss issues, and decide who should be denounced and who should be supported.

So now that the Congressional Black Caucus has met, now what? Now that the Black Issues Conference is over, what do we do now? The NAACP, what say you besides commentary about a Supreme Court nominee? Now that all the meetings, seminars, colloquia, et cetera have taken place, what now? What decisions have been made? What direction is the community going as it moves towards the 21st century?

There's a lot of work to be done. We're still in a national recession. Governmental officials are forecasting the recovery but it's taking place at a snail's pace. A major civil rights bill recently got shoved to the side, the "education President" has not lifted the level of American education, meanwhile prices of colleges and universities are continuing to skyrocket. What about this situation in the Persian Gulf? Is another Desert Storm on the horizon? And while our President is mulling over that, he fusses over signing a bill that would extend unemployment benefits to some people who are barely hanging on.

Hey leaders, I know these events gave you all a chance to relax, see some old friends, catch up on things, and even wish a certain southern governor well on his bid for the presidency. But, don't forget what you came there to do. It's time to roll up your sleeves and get started on some serious business. There's a whole community counting on you.



by Connie Woodruff

There was a lot of mumbling and grumbling about the cost of this year's Black Issues Conference that was held for the first time in Newark where coincidentally Donald Tucker, a long time city council member is serving as council president.

The convention opened on the morning of the 15th with a keynote address by Newark Mayor Sharpe James, followed by the dynamic Rev. Buster Soaries, now of Middlesex-Somerset counties, and Governor Florio, who had an enthusiastic audience at the annual Senior Citizen Day Luncheon.

The government talk and the state of the black health and we agreed much needs to be done to improve health awareness and see-

vice for blacks. But most of all, the high cost of getting sick, getting treatment, and hospitalization should be high on the Governor's list of priorities to improve the quality of life in communities where most people are poor or old.

BIC delegates went through the rituals of speeches, workshops, and social hours, including an inordinate amount of politicking and talking about current would-be political leaders from around the state.

Workshops offered many resolutions and again raised the question of what happens to the suggested action to be taken on the long list of resolutions that are often little more than gripes one hears year after year after year.

The most fun would have been at the Radisson bar but the

prices of drinks kept most folks, except those with expense accounts, out of range of the mixology.

However, it was here one was able to pick up his bits of gossip, some of it too vague to be repeated with safety but interesting nevertheless.

Even though Newark was hosting the convention for the first time, the absence of many familiar faces of City Hall workers was duly noted as were the plethora of Newark Housing Authority staffers who traditionally make up the delegation crowd.

It was rumored that for reasons better left unsaid, at least one Newark city councilman refused to give staff members time off (with or without pay) to attend the convention.

My informant alluded to a rift between the Council President

and his colleague.

Another rumor is some of the senior citizens attending Wednesday's BIC session were disappointed to learn their registration "packages" did not include the luncheon — that was \$25 extra although it was partially "underwritten" by PSE&G. A fact, according to an inside source, which did not sit well with the company, nor with the seniors.

Attorney Janice Newman may be coming back to Newark if she can't land a job elsewhere in state government. Newman's "unclassified" job in the Division on Women was abruptly ended a week ago due to "budget restraints."

This week the Newark Public (Continued on page 6)

# Want to get through a Senate Confirmation Hearing?

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

So you want to get through a Senate Confirmation Hearing? Here's what you need to do: 1) Be apologetic — plan on apologizing to every Senator on the committee any group which you think might buy your crap, people you offended (and don't really give a damn about) but because of political necessity you believe will somehow forget what you did or said.

2) Develop an acute case of amnesia — remember, (oh, that's right, you can't) if asked any questions about your past actions, statements, writings, etc., just say, "I can't recall."

3) Be ambiguous — never admit to being certain about anything. Act as if you just suddenly woke up and that you are unable to really understand any of the pertinent issues which you were certain about before you went

into this deep sleep.

4) Act your heart out — yeah, this is the big time now. When the cameras are rolling, go into a soliloquy about any painful incident which ever happened to you in your life, (this will show that you share something in common with the rest of the world. Now if the cameras aren't rolling — save the routine — there isn't any sense in wasting the material.

5) Lie — if all the other strategies don't work for you, do what seems to work on Capitol Hill — lie!

Well it seems to be working for Judge Clarence Thomas and CIA director-designate Robert Gates. Both have used a combination of all of these tactics, and they apparently have worked thus far. In fact, I'm sure that some of the same coaches were used to prepare both of President Bush's nominees, and while we'll never know for sure what actually went on behind closed doors, it's a

pretty safe bet that the scenario depicted isn't far off the mark.

Clarence Thomas' performance made me think about a quote from William Hazlitt: "The only vice that cannot be forgiven is hypocrisy. The repentance of a hypocrite is itself hypocrisy." All of the positions he had taken on civil issues of importance ranging from civil rights to natural law, were suddenly attributed to policy positions not developed by him. Apparently Judge Thomas (according to his statements) would have said anything, allowed his name to be used anywhere, etc., just because he was representing an administration that advocated these ideas as part

of their policy.

Judge Thomas now has no position on issues much he was very vocal about prior to the Senate confirmation hearings. It was truly amazing to witness his dramatic transformation at these hearings where we now saw a man who spoke out of the other side of his mouth about Affirmative Action, right to privacy issues, etc. He spoke about poverty, and his first hand knowledge of its damaging effects. He spoke of racism, and how he had been a victim of it.

It was truly remarkable. Too bad when he headed up the EEOC he didn't remember any of this. He helped to dismantle the

agency, and he was a vocal lobbyist for the racist South African government. He spoke with disdain about the masses of people who have been the victims of racism and poverty. Can he be believed now? It's your call, but I go back to the quote — there's nothing worse than hypocrisy.

Robert Gates, like so many of the Reagan-Bush administration officials, has been involved in some of the most diabolical and ruthless operations that have been put into operation in the history of the CIA. Like others, he blames the deceased former CIA chief Casey for all of the deadly plots and plans. He can't remember what he was told, or when he was

told.

Though there are many discrepancies in his accounting of events, the Senators seem to be allowing him to get off lightly, with just a slight reprimand. Is this the man who should lead the CIA over the next few years into the 21st century? Well, with men like Robert Gates at the helm, the agency can only continue to be out of control.

We will public allow these two individuals to get away with this game? It would appear that as long as people just sit before the television set and intake all of the propaganda that is heaped upon them, anything can and will continue to happen.

## CHILD WATCH...

# Begin early and keep going

by Marian Wright Edelman

I've never asked a four-year-old what he or she wanted to be when they grew up and been told they wanted to become a statistic. Yet we know that for every 100 African Americans who complete high school, 25 — or one in four — drop out. Becoming a dropout is not a young child's dream, nor is it what parents dream for their children. As our schools increasingly are ill-equipped to keep a young child's dream alive, however, the burden on caring parents becomes heavier.

In too many communities this fall, school budget cuts have resulted in teacher layoffs and a shortage of supplies and facilities. The enthusiasm of too many teachers spending their days in overcrowded classrooms using old and outdated textbooks is not as high as it should be. Therefore, children's enthusiasm for learning has to be encouraged at home be-

ginning at an early age.

One child development expert notes that hands-on activities are especially important between the ages of two and five. Children learn through connections with everyday experiences. Reading to their children, helping them count, and helping them draw pictures can be tremendously beneficial in preparing them for that all-important first day of their school life.

Marianne Modica, a New Jersey elementary school teacher, explains how important the early years' basics are in helping children learn, and how the activities parents can enjoy with their children are doing more good than some parents might realize. For example, before children can learn math, they must develop the basic skill of counting through

practice. Have your child set the table — one plate for each person at the table. They'll learn to associate one-on-one, logical relationships which lead to understand-

ing math. Children must grasp the basics before they can — or will learn the complex.

Very young children don't have to be pushed to learn reading as hard as some people might think. Ms. Modica explains that simply reading them a book can prepare them for learning later. Even the youngest children can understand that the words on each page of a book mean something different from the background pictures. They also grasp the act of "reading" from left to right.

Developing decent motor skills and hand-eye coordination also provide a good base when they're ready to learn writing skills. Ms. Modica suggests giving your child cutting and pasting or painting projects. While it's a fun activity, it also is preparation for handling a pencil.

Simple activities like these will help your children make a better transition to the formal, in-school learning experience. But it's equally important that parents involve themselves with their

children's school. Get to know, or at least make it a point to meet personally, your child's teachers, principal, school superintendent and as many school board members as possible.

Go to these teachers and administrators if you're unhappy with the job they're doing. Attend parent/teacher meetings and know what's going on. Ask questions. How well does your school compare to others in the school system? What is your school doing to improve the graduation rate? Ultimately, your child's success depends to a great extent on the success of other students in the school.

Your support and encouragement sends your children, the school, and other parents the signal that you believe school is very important. Tell them you don't bring a child into this world, as tough as it sometimes seems, to become a statistic.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

## Quote of the Week

"If there had been the same allegations of brutality against any other race except Hispanics and blacks, this state would be in an uproar."

**Kaleem Shabazz, Atlantic County director, National Council of Christians and Jews Speaking on police brutality Black Issues Conference, Newark, N.J.**

"From Newark to Nelson, from Winnie to us, we must remember that the blood that unites us is thicker than the waters that divide us."

**Randall Robinson, Executive Director, TransAfrica Speaking on African and African American ties Black Issues Conference Gala Banquet, Newark, NJ**

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## CAN'T TOUCH THIS

### PRT: From Holy Intellect to Pure Poverty

by Terry Benjamin

The second coming of the Poor Righteous Teachers from Trenton, New Jersey is entitled "Pure Poverty" and although this album comes out of the same philosophy as "Holy Intellect" their 1990 debut album, this message is not as clear as it could be on the current mix of rap and religion. Although there are enough danceable beats and innovative production, it is not likely that this effort will provide converts for the Five Percent Nation.

The Five Percent Nation is a religious sect formed by Clarence 13X Smith (Father Allah) in 1964 when he left Elijah Muhammad's Nation of Islam. This Afrocentric movement has attracted thousands of black youth, including rappers Lakim Shabazz, Big Daddy Kane, Rakim, and King Sun. These self-proclaimed "gods" also include Poor Righteous Teachers Wise Intelligent, Culture Freedom, and Father Shabazz as active members. Unfortunately many of the lyrics penned by Wise Intelligent may fly over the heads of those not acquainted with the language associated with the Five Percent Nation. Adding to the confusion is the introduction of reggae flavor in a number of tracks. In the course of "manifestations of my third eye" and putting down—"Savages" those non-believers who refuse to follow the "civilized" teaching of Poor Righteous Teachers of the Nation—tracks like "Easy Star" and "Strictly Mash'ion" incorporate the very popular reggaemuffin style. With many rappers (KRS-ONE, Heavy D., Queen Latifah, and more) using this reggae style, PRT is definitely in the groove. But the approach is confusing in a religious sense. Is this the coming together of Five Percenters and Rastafis? Or is it just a homage to the influence of an imported musical legacy? Whatever the case, this Jamaican flavor is tasty, especially with reggae singers Long Man and Lego Man on "Easy Star."

On "Rappin' Black" and "Each One Teach One" these Five Percenters cross over to Christianity with references to Jesus Christ. On "Rappin' Black" they compare themselves to Christ who also came from a "poor family" and "Each One Teach One" identifies Christ as a "blackman." These tracks seek to set the record straight about the role of religion in the history of blacks in America.

"Freedom or Death" contains obscure lyrics but the message about "house niggers and field niggers" comes through loud and clear. A vow of "Pure Poverty" seems to be the way for Poor Righteous Teachers as they preach and teach the value of not being

materially or spiritually tied to an oppressive system. "Im Comin' Again" is an acappella rap that brings attention to the "Blackman's Time."

"Just Servin' Justice" and "Hot Damn I'm Great" mix philosophy and great music in a fast-paced style that contains obscure lyrics but still could get a party moving.

Speaking of parties, last year's most requested party jam was "Rock Dis Funky Joint" from their first LP. This music is brought back to rock the joint again with new lyrics under the title "Self-Styled Wisdom" as Wise Intelligent raps the following on "Methods of Droppin' Mental": "Some have waited for someone such as myself to go into/My methods of droppin' mental."

With great enthusiasm, Wise Intelligent raps the following on "Methods of Droppin' Mental": "Some have waited for someone such as myself to go into/My methods of droppin' mental."

Closer to the head and the heart of the average rap fan is "Shakily (JHR)" a tune that Wise Intelligent

*Each and everyday and each and every way  
I'm gonna show and prove and teach the  
righteous way  
The Knowledge is the foundation  
The Understanding shows you when you are  
on your way*

#### The Nation's Anthem Poor Righteous Teachers

insists "Is not a love ballad" even though it brings back the character from the previous album. This "Shakily" is a tribute to Black Womanhood. "All respects to the black queen of the planet earth" Wise Intelligent raps while Culture Freedom sings:

*Wake up from all those savage dreams  
Thinking that she's yours not mine  
Selling earrings and those silly chains  
Is really just a waste of time*

*The queen is mine  
Wake up, the wise black queen is mine  
She's mine.*

With their latest release "Pure Poverty," the Poor Righteous Teachers continue to present raps "smooth with roughness" but this time the message is somewhat clouded by obscure lyrics. Still the musical production by Tony D. makes this an exciting chapter to be added to the continuing history of rap music. As for increasing the ranks of the Five Percent Nation, this album may not serve as the clearest introduction to their philosophy.

### Christian youth group to hold musical in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD — The Youth Challengers of the Tri-State, a Newark-based, non-profit Christian youth organization, will be sponsoring "Charity Churchmouse and the Cheeses for Jesus Choir: Singational Servants" and "Psalty's Camping Adventure," two musical productions for kids of all ages on October 20 at 3 p.m. at the Grant Avenue Community Center.

The stars of the show, held in the center's auditorium, will be nine Essex County and New York City youths recruited from the greater Newark and New York areas, said event organizer Denice Farrar.

Both plays introduce to some and present to others the two stars Psalty, the singing songbook and Charity Churchmouse, a Gospel-singing mouse who both teach and learn important lessons about committing oneself to God and to others through their experiences, she said.

In the first play, Psalty teaches the young people while

on a camping trip how to do their best and let God do the rest.

In the second play, Charity learns humility and accepts the idea that God's plans for us may not necessarily be our plans," she said.

Psalty and Charity Churchmouse are characters from the Maranthal Music Co.'s "Kids Praise" recording series. The characters, who appear on audio and video tapes, exist to provide Christian youngsters entertainment with a message," Farrar said.

Tickets will sell for \$15 and \$10 for senior citizens and children 12 years of age and under, can be obtained through calling The Grant Avenue Community Center at 908-561-0123 or The Youth Challengers of the Tri-State at 201-399-0074 or write: The Youth Challengers of the Tri-State P.O. Box 548 East Orange, NJ 07019-9998. Groups of 15 or more will be able to obtain tickets at the \$10 price, organizers said.



## Philip Morris Doesn't Want Kids To Smoke

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### Paterson NAACP youth host Open House

PATERSON — The Paterson NAACP Youth Council recently hosted a very successful Open House Membership Drive. Each member accepted the challenge of "Each One Bring One." The membership increased by more than thirty youths.

The Youth Council was chartered in 1956. After a period of inactivity, it was reactivated in 1980. Since then it has been involved in informing youths of the problems affecting blacks and other minority groups, as well as advancing the economic, educational, social, and political status of minority groups and their harmonious cooperation with other peoples.

One of the organizational highlights is the attendance of youth members at the Annual National Conventions held throughout the country where they have heard national political and civil rights leaders.

All interested youths are invited to join and become one of the "youth leaders of today and world leaders of tomorrow." Meetings are held every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at 224 Broadway (Masonic Temple), second floor.

## Sharing Network urges blacks to donate organs

NEWARK — The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (The Sharing Network) addressed the urgent need for more organ and tissue donors among the African American community at the New Jersey Black Issues Convention, held September 19-21 at the Radisson Hotel.

The Sharing Network was selected to set up its exhibit at one of the state's largest and most respected conventions. Nearly 3,000 people representing all segments of the black community attended the convention.

Denise Payne, executive director of The Sharing Network, said, "The fact that we were selected to participate in the Black Issues Convention demonstrates that African Americans are recognizing the tremendous shortage of organ and tissue donors among their community. We hope that through our participation we are able to dispel some myths and project the life-saving advantages of organ donation and transplantation."

According to Ms. Payne, only nine African American families

consented to donate organs and tissues last year from a total of 105 New Jersey families who consented to donation.

"This is discouraging news, especially when compared to the high percentage of African Americans that are awaiting kidney transplants," she added.

Currently, 40 percent of the 100 New Jersey residents waiting for kidneys are black. According to The Sharing Network, recent studies show that blacks are more likely than whites to suffer from serious kidney disease. Yet, black receive fewer kidney transplants than whites and are less likely to donate kidneys.

"African Americans must realize that if most of the organs are coming from the white population, fewer of them will be well-matched in terms of blood and tissue type for the black population," said Marilyn Campbell, a transplant coordinator of The Sharing Network.

The Sharing Network believes that the principal reason for less donors among African Americans are the lack of awareness as well

as the widely-held myths and misconceptions about donation.

Payne points out that New Jersey, in general, ranks as the fifth lowest state in the country in terms of the number of organs it makes available annually for transplantation.

"More people need to be aware that organ donation and transplantation can help save the lives of many people. In 1990, over 1,000 African Americans received transplants. Many organ recipients are living normal, active lives once again because of donors and donor families who cared enough to give the ultimate gift of life," she said.

The Sharing Network is a federally-designated, state-certified procurement agency responsible for recovering organs and tissues for the more than 800 New Jersey residents currently in need of transplants, as well as the 22,000 plus people on waiting lists nationwide.

For more information about organ donation, contact The Sharing Network at 800-541-0075 from within New Jersey or 201-379-4535.

## WPC hosts conference on racism, anti-Semitism, violence

WAYNE — A two-day workshop for educators who want to learn more about innovative approaches to citizenship education will be offered on October 15-16 at William Paterson College in Wayne.

"Facing History and Ourselves" is a program which has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as an "exemplary educational program worthy of replication." Participants will have the opportunity to meet with scholars, resource speakers, and educators who will discuss the rationale, content, methodology, and materials employed in this interdisciplinary program, which can be used to enhance existing courses or as an entire unit of study.

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WPC's Center for Continuing Education at 201-595-2436.

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and to show the connections to choices and concerns adolescents face today. Participants then discuss clear examples of the abuse of power, bystander behavior, and unthinking obedience both in history and in our lives today.

"The goal of the program is to use the content and lessons of history and the methods of the humanities — inquiry, analysis, and interpretation — to prepare students to think critically about individual and group behavior in society and the meaning of citizenship and community," he said.

The conference is sponsored by WPC's Department of History and Center for Continuing Education. Dr. Marina Cunningham of the Center for Continuing Education noted that the approach and methodology "have broad applicability for any study involved with difficult subject matter, multicultural education, and critical thinking."

## As I see it...

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Library will dedicate its African American Room to the late James Brown who almost singlehandedly conceived, stocked, decorated, and presided over this special room that has been a rich resource for research and study of black history. It is a fitting tribute to the librarian who brought the Lorraine Hansberry series of lectures and other Afro-American cultural programs to Newark youngsters and adults. Every effort should be made to have a record turnout for the man whose vision and non-stop efforts has brought the varied services of the public library into focus for many of the Newarkers who need it most.

Time to get out the glitter and gold and best bib and tucker to attend the annual Ebony Fashion Fair sponsored in Newark by the Committee of 100.

As usual, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Central Ward Boys and Girls Clubs and other lesser known but equally important projects beneficial to youths and older Americans in Newark.

Earlier this year the Committee of 100 gave out its annual awards and according to Bernice

Sanders, long time club president, more than \$25,000 in distributed to the Central Ward Boys Clubs, International Youth Organization, the Connie Woodruff scholarship in nursing at Essex County College, and several church-based scholarship foundations.

The Fashion Fair will be at full swing from 7 to 10 p.m. October 6 at Symphony Hall in Newark. Seats are on a first-come basis.

### Mt. Zion 97th anniversary

PLAINFIELD — On Sunday, November 10, at the 11 a.m. service, Mt. Zion AME Church will observe the 97th anniversary of the church. The theme is "Moving Forward in Christ."

In addition to the Sunday service, a special fundraiser featuring a luncheon cruise on the Spirit of

## Healing the Children sending medical team to Kenya

KINNELON — Healing the Children has assembled a volunteer medical team to provide free plastic and reconstructive surgery for 80-100 children in Kenya, East Africa Oct. 25 to Nov. 8.

A physician at the University Hospital in Newark, a native of Kenya, approached HTC in early 1990 about sending a medical team to help the children of Kenya. Richard D'Amico MD, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon from Englewood, and HTC, Midlantic's Medical Advisor along with Sue Tiger, of Wayne, the Director of Medical Trips for the Midlantic Chapter, went to Kenya in May of 1990. They assessed the medical needs of the children and the hospital facilities for the team. The trip was originally scheduled for January 1991 and was postponed because of the Persian Gulf war.

A 20-member team of four plastic surgeons, four anesthesiologists, six nurses, four Healing the Children staff including Sister Jane Frances Brady, President of St. Joseph's Hospital, and a two-member photo/journalist team will be

bringing medical technology and expertise essentially not available in Kenya to the children. The types of long and specialized surgery to be performed on the children are cleft lip and palate closures, and burn scar contractures.

Kenya's Hospital in Nairobi is where the team will operate in conjunction with local physicians and personnel.

The Midlantic chapter raised all necessary funding for the trip. The HTC undertaking is estimated to cost between \$300 to \$375 per child. This is a far smaller dollar amount than the \$1,000 to \$1,500 air fare needed to bring just one child to the US for treatment from Kenya.

Tax deductible contributions to help heal a child are needed as well as temporary volunteer host families. These host families are needed for the children in need of specialized medical care that cannot be brought to them. For more information write to HTC, Midlantic, P.O. Box 420, Butler, NJ 07405, or call 201-838-7114.

## Choir opens new season

PLAINFIELD — On Sunday, October 6th the Cantantes Pueri choir of men and boys will open its 1991-92 season with a service of Solemn Evensong at St. Henry's Church, Avenue C at 29th Street in Bayonne.

The 30 voice choir is based in Plainfield and is under the direction of its founder, David Lamb. The men and boys of the choir have sung at major churches and cathedrals throughout the area and the boys have recently performed at the Garden State Arts Center.

Music to be performed includes: Process and Responses by Thomas Tomkins; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G by Herbert Sumson; Praise the Lord, O My Soul by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, and In Pace by William Billman.

The time of the service is 4:30 p.m. and there is no charge for admission. For more information please call 908-754-3775.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

MILLBURN, NJ—The Paper Mill Playhouse will present at their 1991 Summer/Fall Festival, "West Side Story," thru October 20. For more info, call 201-334-9339/79-3638.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—"Oogah Be in Pajamas" will be presented at the George Street Playhouse thru October 20. For more info, call 908-246-0522/646-2855.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

MEITUEN, NJ—"Cantone" will be presented by The Forum Theatre Group at The Forum Theatre thru Nov. 27. For more info, call 908-246-0522/646-2870.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—"Lumbo Folk Opera of Tibet," a rich and colorful adventure in Tibetan history, culture and mythology will be presented at the State Theatre at 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-246-7469.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

NEW YORK, NY—Alice Walker reads from her work at the Strand St. Y. For more info, call 212-696-1100.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

NEW YORK, NY—The Martha Graham Dance Company presents a dramatic retrospective of Graham classics at City Center thru Oct. 20. For more info call 212-681-7007.

NEW YORK, NY—George Benson with Count Basie Orchestra performs at the Blue Note, 131 W. 34 St. 8 & 11:30 p.m. thru Oct. 13. For more info, call 212-475-8592.

PRINCETON, NJ—"Indiana" will be presented at the McCarter Theatre thru Oct. 27. For more info, call 609-683-0009/100.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

NEWARK, NJ—The Ensemble Theatre Company will present a dramatic reading, "One Day in the Life of a Coloured Man," by poet and playwright Kobo Abi-Daibes at 7:00 p.m., Centennial Hall, Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. For more information, call 201-733-7793.

NEHAURA, NJ—The Ensemble Theatre Company will present "Second Annual Norma Playwrighting Series" at Newark Symphony Hall thru Oct. 20. For more info, call 201-642-0153.

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ—The Centenary Arts Company will present the New Jersey premiere of "Rough Crossing" thru Oct. 20. For more info, call 908-852-1400.

## Grant Avenue Community Center's Celebrations

PLAINFIELD — The Grant Avenue Community Center will be presenting several community programs throughout the month of October.

On October 12th Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu will host a discussion on youth organizations and Dr. Mzungu Warfield-Coppock will give the keynote address on October 13th.

During the weekend, the Center will also feature an African

American Quiz Show, several workshops, an African market, a drill team competition, gospel concert, and teen panel.

On October 19th, the Center will be adorned in Caribbean flavors as DJ, Krystal and DJ, Jazzy Cazy will be playing the sounds of the Caribbean in the gymnasium and auditorium respectively.

Referred to as a Caribbean Vacation Night, "vacationers" will be able to browse through the straw

market, try some tropical ice cream, and enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres seasoned island style. There will also be a West Indian tee shirt contest.

All proceeds will benefit the Center. Doors for the Caribbean Night will open at 9 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at \$20 per person, \$30 per couple. For more information, call the Center at 908-561-0123.

## Class Reunions

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield High School's Class of 1981 will hold their ten year Class Reunion on Saturday, November 30. In addition to the Reunion, a host of activities have been planned that will take place November 28 - December 1.

The cost for the Reunion and activities is \$50 per person.

To receive registration information, please forward your address to: Reunite '81, P.O. Box 509, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield High School Class of 1951 is holding its 40th Class Reunion during the weekend of October 25.

A Reunion Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, the 26th at the Pines in Edison, featuring "The Studasters" with the "Big Band Sound" of the '40s and '50s. A Sunday Brunch is planned at the Reunion Hotel, The Clarion, across the street from the Pines.

For details and reservations, classmates should contact Class President, Paul O'Keefe at 908-757-0356 or Committee Chair,

Maurice Corrigan at 908-755-4521. Family members of classmates should feel free to call to help organizers update their data files.

## Jersey City reunion

JERSEY CITY — William Dickinson High School in Jersey City is looking to reunite the classes of January and June of 1944. Responses should be sent to: Class Reunion, P.O. Box 0204, Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750.

## Plainfield receives historic preservation grant

PLAINFIELD — Mayor Harold Mitchell acknowledged Plainfield's receipt of a grant of \$4,162 from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund.

"These funds will help complete work needed to gain State and National Register status for Fire Engine Building Station #4 at 1015 South Avenue, the Fire Headquarters Building at 315 Central Avenue, and City Hall Building at 515 Washington Avenue," Mayor Mitchell said. "This is a step that's long overdue. We

need to preserve these historic City buildings before they become too deteriorated."

Gunthild Sondhi, Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development added, that official State and National "Register" nominations of these buildings will make our application for available funds more competitive." Mrs. Sondhi said it will also ensure that any rehabilitation work will comply with predetermined guidelines to help preserve the historic character of the building. The grant is being administered through the State Office of New Jersey Heritage, Division of Parks and Forestry, of the NDEP.

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& TrueMarlene VerPlanck featured  
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by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA)—For the 21st of September, America's Black Elite came to the nation's capital with a drink in one hand and the other available to sign the tab for more drinks. Each year at the start of the Congressional season, the most influential blacks in America come here to meet and greet each other, see and be seen, and occasionally set strategy for the coming year. Having gained a reputation as the premier "party time," this year's meeting had a focus on, and hopefully will produce better results for, low-income blacks. Citing that odds are still basically against broad black progress, and increasing, while opportunities for all African Americans and their progression are decreasing, the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) brought its faithful together this time to address the sobering issues: "Meet the African American Challenge: Defy the Odds and Expand Our Opportunities."

The Annual Legislative

Weekend is sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., which was incorporated in 1976 as a non-partisan, non-profit, research and educational institute whose mission is to assist the leaders of today while helping to prepare the leaders of tomorrow. For the 21st time much of the talk among the 20,000 of today's leaders was about racism and its impact on blacks. This time, however, much of the forbearing attendees' talk centered around: the shrinking economic pie in America; the staggering level of government indebtedness; the moral bankruptcy of the country and its financial community and the overall impact on black efforts for survival. Even though the Weekend's faithful dined on racial bigotry and intolerance in the nation as they often do, this time many of the temperate crowd chose to challenge the ills of the American system in ways that could help more of us defy the odds that we all know, and start programs to expand internal opportunities for a greater number of people that we do know.

Not to think that the CBC Week End Crowd has lost its party image. Sure, many of the attendees spent significant time, and corporate expense money, meeting and greeting over cocktails featuring top shelf brands. But significant numbers of those of sobriety did attend the issue forums, workshops, and legislative brainstorm sessions and notable progress was made toward defying odds and the creation and expansion of opportunities. Urban mayors, corporate executives, media owners and government managers joined in the 91 Black Caucus effort to keep blacks informed about federal legislation and discuss current needs and concerns.

"How to Help African Americans Help African Americans"; "Exploring Solutions to the Decay in Our Cities"; "Black Reparations"; and "A Marshall Plan for Rebuilding America," were substantive topics addressed by lucid blacks attending over 50 workshops and seminars on the Hill. However, "keeping hope of glorious American integration alive," was represented in the pre-

sentations here. Whether the bulk of the conferees from this year's CBC will go home and actually begin to defy odds and expand within their areas new opportunities for blacks remains to be seen. Buying a ticket to the CBC dinner and fashion show with their employer's expense money is not enough to lift black boats off the bottom. The year-long challenge to the CBC attendees is to be personally involved in making measurable changes in their neighborhoods and the nation.

Who will save our cities and build the commercial institutions we need for economic opportunities? If the Black Talented Tenth that was here in Washington do not go home to create new jobs, training, housing and educational opportunities for their people it should be pointed out to them that they are a part of the problem, not the solution. If their sole purpose in coming to Capitol Hill is to grin and skin with members of Congress, then defying odds and expanding opportunities will be just another slogan available to be recycled for the 22nd Black Caucus.

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insult. The other topics discussed during the meeting were: holding biannual elections; abolishing the Department of Public Safety and Affairs as it is presently known and creating a Department of Human Services; establishing a full-time in-house corporation counsel; the possible adoption of a nonpartisan form of government; and clarifications of terms of office with advice and consent of the Council.

Because only four council members were present at the work session, none of the issues could be put to a vote, but the Council did call on charter committee member Donna Yose, who was present. She helped the Council comprehend the study better by answering their questions and agreeing to work with the city clerk in drafting the recommendations in a form where the Council can discuss the matter and vote at the next agenda fixing session.

Once the Council does vote on the changes, they can petition the state Legislature for the changes to the charter. In order for the state to grant approval, the Legislature must agree by a two-thirds vote. After that the citizens will get their chance to voice their opinions by referendum.

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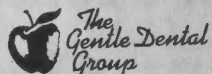
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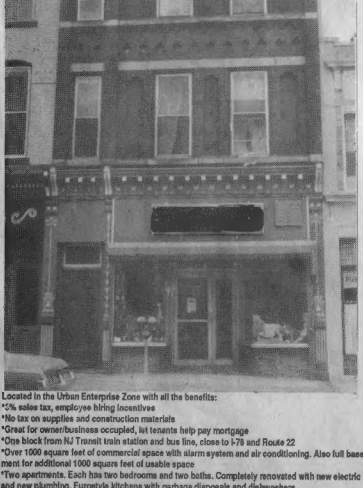
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# Drew University celebrates cultural diversity

MADISON — As part of a continuing commitment to cultural diversity, Drew University will celebrate Multicultural Awareness Day Thursday, Oct. 3 with ethnic speakers, panel discussions and ethnic foods throughout the day.

This year's event is significant because Drew instituted its new area studies program this fall, building a broad, innovative curriculum in African-American, Asian, Middle-Eastern and Russian studies.

"A university is simply not doing its job in the liberal arts unless it offers students the opportunity to discover other cultures," University President Thomas H. Kean said.

"Multicultural Awareness Day is important beyond the symbolism because it allows students to step outside the daily curriculum and look at the world through different eyes," Kean said.

Over the summer Drew welcomed three new full-time profes-

sors to lead the area studies program, and discussion is underway to implement other ideas, such as requiring students to study abroad, under Kean's administration. "It's one of his priorities — internationalizing the curriculum and encouraging students to go abroad," said Paolo Cicchi, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The area studies program is the first step in what hopefully will lead to expanded programs in other areas."

Multicultural Awareness Day developed out of a nationally teleconferenced discussion on racism led by George-Harold Jennings, a professor of psychology. "It brought out so many issues, not just about racism but about multiculturalism," Jennings said. "We realized that Drew was not isolated and exempt from these concerns, so I simply called for a day in the university when we could focus on these issues."

According to Director of Women's Studies, Wendy Kolmar, however, faculty members and students decided to emphasize positive aspects rather

than analyze problems. It was important for the campus to shift from thinking about racism to thinking about celebrating Drew as a multicultural community, looking at our diversity, valuing the many cultures represented on campus and the importance of their presence," she said.

For the past three years, classes have been canceled so that students can more fully participate in the day's activities. "The faculty felt it was an important academic endeavor for the university to discuss these topics; it fits in with part of the mission of the university, to develop multicultural awareness," Director of Student Activities Pat Naylor said. "These [activities] are targeted to the educational mission. They're not an extra activity; they're an integral activity."

Multicultural Awareness Day actually begins Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, when the Hon. Seiji Hinata, deputy consul general of Japan in New York, discusses "Five American Misperceptions about Japan."

A senior diplomat born in Tokyo, Hinata will discuss what

he views as American myths on such issues as Japan's participation in the Gulf War, Japanese investment "buying out" America, the criticism that Japan's markets are "closed," racism and Japanese inscrutability.

Hinata said these stereotypes can be attributed to a general lack of information about the Japanese as well as the perception of the Japanese as a threat to US dominance in the global market.

"The United States is no longer the absolute power in the world. It needs to learn to share its power with other powers," Hinata said. "There is a general uneasiness from those who are used to enjoying absolute power."

Hinata said he hopes to present his audience with facts to counter the rumors. "They simply don't know the other side of the coin. It's easy to say the Japanese are buying out America, but they don't know the positive aspects," he said. "The facts help."

The keynote address will be Thursday morning, Oct. 3, when internationally renowned poet/playwright Sonia Sanchez, a

pioneer in black studies and winner of the 1985 American Book Award for "Homegirls and Hand Grenades," will read from her works.

That afternoon will be devoted to small group discussions led by Drew faculty and students on such topics as religious tolerance and human rights; gay, lesbian and bisexual experiences; Europe in the 1980s; the Middle East after the Gulf War; the rain forest; and Drew studying abroad. An earlier panel discussion will

highlight the new professors in Drew's area studies program.

Members of the Drew community will dine on ethnic foods that evening while listening to student performers and the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band. Kolmar said the Drew community is insistent that this celebration not be limited to one day. "The day is simply the beginning of a whole series of programs, lectures, and curricular possibilities for learning about different cultures," she said.

## Jersey Oaks 1991 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
October 5	Baltimore (MD) Bulldogs	Away
October 12	Nutley (NJ) Raiders	Home
October 19	Brooklyn Kings (NY)	Home
October 26	Brooklyn Mariners (NY)	Away

All home games played on Saturday nights at 7:30 at Seidler Field, Plainfield.

## UMDNJ Champions sponsor AIDS walkathon

NEWARK — The Champions, a volunteer organization of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, will hold its second annual walkathon Sunday, October 6, in order to raise money for the Walk-of-Wisdom AIDS projects.

The Walk of Champions will take place at noon in both Branch Brook Park in Newark and Cooper River Park in Camden. Registration for the 10K (6.2 miles) walk or the one-mile stroll will begin at 10 a.m.

Entrants who raise at least \$100 will be eligible for the grand prize of a weekend for two at any Marriott Hotel in the continental United States. Participant who raise at least \$50 in sponsorships will receive a free walkathon T-shirt.

The Champions raise money for special University-related projects and promote the university's educational opportunities and services throughout the state.

More than \$100,000 was raised by 1,000 walkers in last year's walk. The funds are support projects for women and children with AIDS at three UMDNJ units: UMDNJ - New Jersey Medical School, Newark; UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick; and UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine, Stratford.

People who want to participate in the walkathon in Newark or Camden, or help as a volunteer should call Mary O'Malley at (908) 781-6459.

## Robinson

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were lifted against South Africa.

"There'll be some noise but that will be the end of it. They won't stick to it," he said, dismissing Bush's presumption of how black and liberal leaders would respond.

"And he was right," Robinson said. "He broke the law. Mandela is out of jail but he is not free. He can't vote, and none of the South African laws were taken from the books."

He pointed out that when people turn on the television, they see black-on-black violence in South Africa.

"Bush likes de Klerk. He promotes him to be a saint and a nice guy (and when you turn on the news) look — the blacks are fighting each other."

Robinson said that this is part of a divide and conquer tactic where de Klerk feeds arms to one faction to keep them fighting against the African National Congress.

"We don't draw any line between domestic freedom and what happens overseas," he said. "When Africa stands up, all Africans stand up wherever you live or breathe."

"From Newark to Nelson, from Winnie to us, we must remember that the blood that unites us is thicker than the waters that divides us," Robinson said.

## THE BIGGEST BLUES CELEBRATION EVER IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 11-20

**Friday, October 11**  
**Benson & Hedges Blues at Noon.** Texas acoustic guitar wizard John Campbell performs. The Annun, Philip Morris Building, 120 Park Avenue at 42nd Street, Noon. Free.

**Blues Divas: Big Time Sarahs.** Zora Young and Melissa Murray. Big Time Sarahs is regarded as Chicago's "Hottest with the Mostest." Zora Young wiggles, soul and blues. Melissa Murray is a brilliant newcomer from San Antonio, Texas. Murray's Car Wash, 1558 Third Avenue at 87th Street, 9PM. For cover charge information call 212-369-2583.

**Old Clay.** Recognized as a Chicago soul singer of unparalleled intensity, Old Clay has been leaving his mark since the early 60's. Tramps, 45 West 21st St., 8:30PM and 11:30PM. \$12.50. For information call 212-777-7788.

**Saturday, October 12**  
**Southern Sounds at the Apollo.** Regina Belle and Will Downing perform. See listing in black panel to right.

**Benson & Hedges Blues Film Festival: The Best of Jimi Hendrix.** Films include *Monterey Pop Festival*, *Experience*, *Jim Plays*, *Bedley and his 4 Wives*, *Michael Farrelly*, *Best Anthology Film Archives*, 32 Second Avenue at 2nd Street, Noon to 9PM. Free. For more information call 212-605-5181.

**Sunday, October 13**  
**Benson & Hedges Blues Gospel Brunch.** The Heavenly Tones, Sister Sledge and the Famous Bluebelles and Violets of Thunder perform a traditional gospel program that is sure to raise the roof. Data Rk, 332 Eighth Avenue at 26th Street, 2PM. For cover charge information call 212-934-3499.

**October 14 - 18**  
**Benson & Hedges Blues at Noon.** Free lunchtime performances all week. The Annun, Philip Morris Building, 120 Park Avenue at 42nd Street, Noon. Free.

**Monday, October 14** Lonnie Plichford  
**Tuesday, October 15** Tabby Thomas  
**Wednesday, October 16** R.L. Burnelle  
**Thursday, October 17** Henry Townsend and Leroy Penson

**Friday, October 11** Satus & Adam

**Monday, October 14**  
**Blue Monday Blues Band.** The modern bluesmen at Benson & Hedges and live of New York blues clubs team up for an incredible blues blues. Shows at 9PM and 11PM. Call the clubs for cover charge information.

**Manny's Car Wash.** The Hoboken Blues 1558 Third Ave. at 87th Street, 212-369-2583.  
**Chicago B.L.U.E.S. (formerly Atlantic Cafe)** *Larry Dole and the Howlers* 735 Eighth Ave. at 14th Street, 212-255-3737.  
**Chicago B.L.U.E.S. (formerly Atlantic Cafe)** *Delia 88* *Queen Bee and the Blues Herd Band* 332 Eighth Ave. at 26th Street, 212-934-3499.

**The Legendary Roadhouse.** *Backstreet Zepherus* *BM/Die Press* *Anti to Anti* *Cherry Shivers* 240 West 52nd Street, 212-345-2950.  
 All proceeds benefit the Doc Poma Fund for the Rhythm & Blues Foundation.

**Tuesday, October 15**  
**Little Jimmy King and The Memphis Soul Survivors.** Debbie Davies. In the tradition of his grandfather, Little Jimmy King is a wild, charismatic guitarist. Debbie Davies is recognized as one of the outstanding guitarists on today's blues scene. Chicago B.L.U.E.S. (formerly Atlantic Cafe), 735 Eighth Avenue at 14th Street, 9PM. For cover charge information call 212-255-3737.

**World Beat Blues.** Cypher & Wiggins. Abdul Rahman Mangera, Hasan Hakimov and Said Hakimov perform. This rare musical gathering explores the rhythmic origins of the blues beat. The Studio Museum in Harlem, 144 West 125th Street, 7PM. Free. For cover charge information call 212-884-4500.

**Wednesday, October 16**  
**Radio and Carla Thomas.** Memphis's own "First Family of Soul" performs their funky grooves. The Legendary Roadhouse, 240 West 52nd Street, 9PM. For cover charge information call 212-345-2950.

**Thursday, October 17**  
**Lonnie Brooks with special guest Valerie Wellington.** More Brooks' special of blues is a melting of blues, jazz, bluesy rhythms, southern soul, rock. Valerie Wellington is one of the rarest drops on the Chicago blues scene.

**Manny's Car Wash.** 1558 Third Avenue at 87th Street, 9PM. For cover charge information call 212-369-2583.

**Friday, October 18**  
**Benson & Hedges Blues Summit.** B.B. King, Johannes Taylor, John Mayall & The Bluesbreakers and Roosevelt of Blues perform. See listing in black panel to right.

**Saturday, October 19**  
**Monterey & Monterey: A Tribute to Howlin' Wolf.** With Hobson Samuels, Henry Gray, S.P. Leroy, Celia Jones, Charlie Brown and rare film footage. Produced and hosted by Tex Leyanaymer. Henry Street Settlement: Louis Abrams Art Center at The Harry Dodge Parkway, 466 Grand Street, 1PM and 3PM. \$10. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the show. Box office opens at 11:30AM. For more information call 212-598-0400.

**Great Voices of Rhythm, Blues and Gospel.** Al Green, Bobby Blue Band and The Staple Singers perform. See listing in black panel to right.

**Sunday, October 20**  
**Michael HBU Blueband.** The Brooklyn-based group led by guitarist Michael Hill presents "Cultural rock," music that brings blues and reggae into the blues.

**Prospect Park Picnic House, 3rd Street at Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, 3PM. Free. For information call 718-788-0055.**

**John Hammond, Philadelphia Jerry Ricks.** Guitars John Hammond and the Mississippi Delta blues style. Mr. Ricks is one of America's leading Piedmont style guitarists.

**Henry Street Settlement: Louis Abrams Art Center at The Harry Dodge Parkway, 466 Grand Street, 12:30PM and 3PM. Free. For more information call 212-598-0400.**

**Guitar Hoogie Explosion.** John Lee Hooker and the Coast to Coast Blues Band, Buddy Guy, John Campbell and Timely Ellis perform. See listing in black panel to right.

**Ticket Information**  
 Tickets to the Apollo and Beacon Theatre concerts are available at the box offices and all Ticketmaster locations including HMV, Tower Records, Sound-A-Rama, Scooty, Video Connection and West Coast Video stores. To charge tickets by phone, call 212-367-7171, 914-634-3385, 203-624-0033 or 1-800-888-9000.

The Apollo Theatre is located at 233 West 125th Street. For more information call 212-684-0772. The Beacon Theatre is located at 214 Broadway at 74th Street.

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